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WILSON ON WAY TO CONFERENCE

PRESIDENT AND ENVOYS SET SAIL FOR EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—President Wilson is on the high seas on his way to the peace conference. His steamer, the George Washington, passed Sandy Hook and headed for France at 11:46 A. M. today.

As the president's ship, breasted the ocean swell, storm warnings were displayed along the coast. Strong winds are expected late today and during the night. They will be offshore, however, so the George Washington will not be bucking the gale.

New York gave the president a tremendous sendoff. From the time his ship—with the president and Mrs. Wilson on the bridge—left its pier at Hoboken, until it vanished into the Atlantic mist, sirens and cheers and fluttering handkerchiefs bade adieu to the first American chief executive to go to Europe during his term of office.

Vessels off the coast passing close to the presidential liner saluted with their whistles. The dreadnaught Pennsylvania and a fleet of 15 destroyers convoyed the George Washington. Ten of the destroyers will turn back later.

As the transport backed out into the stream two airplanes circled overhead. Three destroyers in the river took up their stations beside the George Washington.

At 10:30 A. M. the big steamer swung around and started down the river, the tugs still around her.

As she moved out, the presidential salute of 21 guns was fired by the ship's own batteries.

SHIPS MAY BE MADE TO MEET NEEDS OF THE PACIFIC COAST

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—Heavy pressure is being brought to bear upon the government to undertake or to permit the construction of ships suitable to North Pacific coast trade and it is asserted by local interests that it is altogether probable in the next few days the United States shipping board will authorize the building of carriers suited for local demands. By persons in touch with the shipbuilding situation and the demands of the trade, it is asserted that the construction of a gigantic fleet of sailing schooners or other type of ships adapted particularly to lumber carrying will be authorized by the shipping board, which is at present time considering the proposal.

The Chamber of Commerce and other interested parties and concerns have placed before the government repeatedly the inadaptability of the Hough and Ferris type of wooden ships for local needs. The Hough type has been proved a failure, shipbuilders say, and has been thrown into the discard by the government designers. The Ferris type vessel is of better design but wholly inadequate to meet local demands.

FREE PASSES ON RAILROADS ARE FORBIDDEN

SALEM, Dec. 4.—Even if the government railroad administration offers to give the members of the public service commission and their employes free passes over the railroads under government control, there will be nothing doing in the free pass line. That is the substance of a reply made by Chairman Miller of the commission to a letter received from John Barton Payne, general counsel for the railroad administration, who announced that the administration considered issuing passes to the members of the various state commissions if the commissions desired to accept them.

SENATORS START DISCUSSION OF PEACE TERMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—General discussion of President Wilson's 14 peace principles was started in the senate today by a speech of Senator Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, Republican, advocating a resolution he had introduced calling upon the president to make a public declaration interpreting the principles.

Senator Frelinghuysen said the president's 14 principles were open to various interpretations and added:

"The president should not on behalf of the American public make radical proposals until he is sure that they are endorsed by the people."

Senator Walsh, of Montana, Democrat, declared that lack of criticism until recently of the president's 14 terms had justified general belief in their acceptability. Senators Knox, of Pennsylvania, and Poindexter, of Washington, Republicans, sharply dissented.

PETITION FOR LETTERS

Anna Shea filed petition for letters of administration in the estate of Emmet Shea, who died in November, 1918. The estate is valued at \$110.

Letters were filed in the estate of John Trachsel, deceased, by John Anton Trachsel, in the probate court Tuesday. The estate consists of personal and real property and is valued at \$15,000. There are several heirs.

ARMY PLANE FLIES OVER THIS CITY AT NOON WEDNESDAY

Lieutenant Hogland, army aviator, who is on a pathfinding trip from Sacramento to Seattle, passed over this city Wednesday about 11:50. Very few people saw the machine as they were not expecting it.

The reason for the trip is to determine the feasibility of an aerial mail route between the two cities. Many of the routes probably will be established before long and these pathfinding trips are being made in different parts of the country.

A few of these lines have been established in the East and have given satisfaction and are capable of delivering mail much faster than the ordinary means and it is probable that in a short time it will not be a novelty to receive a letter by air.

Prince Murat and American Wife Who Have Turned Over Paris Residence to President



President Wilson and his wife are so comfortable while in Paris. They are to occupy the residence of Prince and Princess Murat. The Princess was Miss Helen Stallo, daughter of

French Celebrities and General Pershing Wear Victory Smile



Here is a remarkable group of war heroes, all of them wearing the victory smile. The photograph was taken just before the armistice was signed but at the time every one in the

group knew that Germany could not hold out. In the front row, from left to right, are Marshal Foch, General Pershing, Mme Duball, wife of the military governor of Paris; Marshal

Joffre; General Duball, military governor of Paris, and his son. General Pelletier and General Galopin are in the rear, at either side of Marshal Joffre.

LOUISE DEUTE DIES WEDNESDAY AT SPOKANE, WN.

Miss Louise Elvina Deute, younger daughter of Mrs. Arthur Deute, of the late Arthur Deute, died Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at St. Luke's hospital, Spokane, Wash. according to a telegram received by Miss Deute's sister, Miss Clara Deute. Miss Deute was taken ill on Thanksgiving night at Spokane with influenza followed by spinal meningitis. Miss Deute's mother, Mrs. Arthur Deute, of Portland, was at her bedside when she passed away, and will bring the body to Oregon City for burial in Mountain View cemetery, where the father is buried, having died in Oregon City six years ago.

Miss Deute was well and favor-

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SPANISH INFLUENZA CAUSES SOME OF SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

Owing to influenza again making its appearance in Clackamas county, three schools have been closed. These are Gladstone, Canemah and Clairmont. There are about 30 cases reported at Gladstone, but the larger majority of these are of mild form. There have been a number of deaths during the past week at Canemah, and a number of cases are at Clairmont. Although there are about 22 new cases in Oregon City, most of these are mild, and it is not probable that the schools of this city will close. Dr. M. C. Strickland, county health officer, stated Tuesday afternoon that he did not believe that the schools of the county would close in general, but where there are cases the school board of the district would act according to the danger of the disease spreading and the cases he has been notified of have been of a very mild form.

CHARLES COVELL OF CANEMAH ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Complaint by neighbors that all was not right at the home of Charles Covell, of Canemah, caused Deputy District Attorney Thomas A. Burke to call two of the daughters, Leta, aged 14, and Pearl, aged 8, to his offices Monday and question the m.

The older girl made a complete confession implicating the father since the death of the mother last November. A complaint was sworn out and the man was arrested by Officers Frost and Joyner on a statutory offense and brought here in the afternoon for hearing.

When brought before Judge Sievers he waived preliminary hearing and was committed to jail in default of \$2500 bonds and held for the grand jury.

The man is about 40 years of age and his wife died November 15, leaving nine children.

VANCOUVER MARRIAGE LICENSE

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 4.—The following secured license to wed today: Harry Grisco, 37, of Raymond, Wash., and Mrs. Mary Remkos, 34, of Oregon City, Or.

TRIP POSTPONED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Secretary Baker has announced that he had decided to postpone his trip to Europe, which had been planned to take place about this time. He said Edward R. Stettinius, assistant secretary, and his personal representative in France, would return home for Christmas and that they would go to France together, probably in January. "On war department business solely."

MANY EMPLOYEES OF SHIP YARDS OUT OF WORK

PORTLAND, Dec. 4.—That suspension of wooden ship contracts at Oregon yards by the United States shipping Board a few days ago has already worked a great hardship on thousands of employes who have been suddenly let out of their jobs is indicated by a report from the Grant Smith-Porter Ship company of Portland.

Some 2000 workmen have been discharged from the yard, the retrenchment order catching all the night force and part of the day force.

According to Eric V. Hauser, general manager of the company, it was imperative to let the men go. He said:

"We regret keenly that we have been compelled to disrupt our splendid organization. The yard has made good speed records and the employes have shown a willingness to cooperate with us fully in the building of ships.

"I am hoping that the government will soon take some action which will enable us to complete the contracts which were originally given us. Because of the unsettled conditions I have not tried to land any contracts for private account and will not do so until I see how things will shape up. With the force which we now have at the yards we will be able to keep the plant running for the next five months."

WAR FUND CAMPAIGNS FOR THE RED CROSS ARE DISCONTINUED

According to a telegram received Wednesday night there will be no further campaigns for war funds for the Red Cross.

This does not mean that the activities of the Red Cross will cease, but as the war is over, the great amount of work will be materially lessened and at present a campaign will not be necessary.

The following is the telegram received here:

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—The Roll-Call Christmas Campaign of the American Red Cross is the culmination of Red Cross effort and there will be no further war fund campaign of the American Red Cross. This was made plain in a telegram tonight to Wilbur E. Coman, state chairman, from S. P. Davison, chairman of the American National Red Cross War Council.

Mr. Davison has consulted with President Wilson and announces that no further campaign for war funds shall be conducted by the Red Cross and it is believed that this will probably apply to all organizations.

QUESTIONNAIRES NOT RETURNED TO LOCAL BOARD BY DRAFTEES

Several men have been reported by the local draft board as having failed to return their questionnaires and these men will be given until Monday noon to report or they will be classed as delinquent.

Two of the ones recently reported as not having appeared for physical examinations made their appearance but the other four are still missing.

The following are the ones reported for not returning their questionnaires: Paul Petrella, Portland; John R. Meyrick, Oregon City; Herman Lamp, Oregon City; Robert Benton Kefer, Oregon City; Charlie Sailer, Aurora; Warren Herbert Roach, Oregon City; John Zadnikar, Oregon City; Homer Arthur Frederickson, Aurora; Oscar Thankvil Jacobson, Molalla.

Questionnaires were mailed to these men November 16, with the exception of the latter, whose was sent November 9.

BELGIUM LOSS LARGE

BRUSSELS, Dec. 2.—The central industrial committees of Belgium, after an investigation, estimated that Belgium's losses through military occupation and seizures of machines and raw material are 6,000,560,000 francs.

GRAND JURY DOES NOT PUT BLAME ON WARDEN

SALEM, Or., Dec. 4.—Charles A. Murphy, who has been discharged by Governor Withycombe from the wardenship of the Oregon state penitentiary, is exonerated in a report returned yesterday by the special Marion county grand jury that has been investigating the state prison, while Governor Withycombe and Parole Officer Joseph Keller are blamed for the high expense of running the institution and for the turmoil that has existed there for several years. The report recommends that management of the penitentiary be restored to the board of control.

Murphy's administration is declared to have been efficient and economical "insofar as he had control," but it is declared that there are many matters over which he has not had control and that he has been hampered because the governor has dictated the appointment of subordinates. The parole officer is accused of being the cause mainly of all strife and agitation at the prison for the past four years.

In a statement made today Governor Withycombe said the report is exactly what he expected after his experience in the jury room.

"Because of the attitude taken by the jurors and the nature of the questions asked," said the governor, "I anticipated just such a report. I expected it would result in a 'white-wash' for Murphy. I have allowed Murphy the fullest control at the prison, and without his consent I have not requested that a single employe remain at the prison. At the time he was peremptorily discharged Deputy Warden Burns I told him that I considered the cause insufficient and he readily agreed to keep him on the pay roll. Murphy also has had a free hand in the business management of the prison."

MANUFACTURERS OF WOOLEN GOODS MAY TAKE NEW ORDERS

PORTLAND, Dec. 3.—With the termination of the war and the government's requirements for woolen goods receding to near a peace-time basis for the army and navy, there will be no shortage of wool experienced by manufacturers who now are privileged to take without restriction any and all orders for goods for civilian uses. As long as Australian wool, controlled by the British government is not dumped onto American markets there is slight probability that wool prices will depreciate to a degree alarming to wool producers.

This situation was made clear at the meeting of Pacific coast woolen manufacturers at San Francisco last week, called by the army quartermaster of the Western district to adjust matters with Oregon, Washington and California mills in reference to undelivered goods for war purposes. It was arranged that the government would be relieved of undeliverables except in cases where woollens were in process of manufacture up to November 23, two weeks after the signing of the armistice. Oregon and Washington manufacturers are well satisfied with the fair treatment accorded them by the quartermaster.

AMERICAN DEAD BROUGHT HOME TO BE BURED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—General March said yesterday that unless relatives of Americans who have lost their lives request otherwise, all bodies of American dead will be brought home without legislation by congress. How soon the transportation of bodies will begin, General March said he could not state.